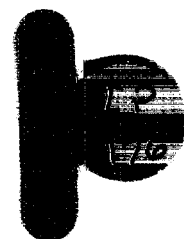


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Project: IP -- 176

OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: 19 October 1950

To: D/EE

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: Czech imports of bearings

Statement of Project

Origin: Internal (k-3536) (Curtis)

Problem: To report quantity of bearings imported by Czechoslovakia within the next year.

Scope: The report is to include bearings of all types. (e.g. ball, roller, needle.)

Form: Memorandum

Draft due in D/Pub: Earliest convenience

Dissemination deadline
(if any):

Responsible Division: D/EE

Internal Coordination:

Departmental responsibilities:

Classification to be no higher than:

Recommended Dissemination: Requester only.

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Statement of Project

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MEMORANDUM FOR : CHIEF, D/Pub, ORE
ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A
SUBJECT : Czech Ball-bearing Imports
REFERENCE : K 3536

1. It is requested that you supply this office with a report on the quantity of ball-bearings imported by Czechoslovakia within the last year. 25X1A

2. For your information, [REDACTED] of this office on Extension 3215, is familiar with this request.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Intelligence Support

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Date 27 October 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Transmission of Draft Report

ENCLOSURE: IP-176, Case No. K-3536, "Bearings to be Imported by Czechoslovakia"

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SUBJECT: IP-176; Case No. K-3536,
"Bearings to be Imported by Czechoslovakia"

Czech requirements for anti-friction bearings during the coming year are estimated at between 12 and 14 million units. Of this figure, it is considered unlikely that over 3 million units will be produced domestically. For optimum industrial efficiency, Czechoslovakia will have to import approximately 10 million units. It is estimated that approximately 8 million units or, at an average price of slightly under 2 dollars per bearing, 16 million dollars worth of anti-friction bearings will be imported by Czechoslovakia during the next twelve months.

Past trade agreements involving Austria, France, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USSR have provided over 7 million dollars annually in anti-friction bearings for Czechoslovakia. The USSR, whose production is insufficient for her own needs, agreed to ship 1.2 million units to Czechoslovakia during 1949. However, bearings in excess of trade agreements have been reaching Czechoslovakia. For example, in the case of Italy, the trade agreement called for the export of around 1 million dollars in bearings, but actual shipments for 1949 are reported to have attained 4 to 5 million dollars. Clandestine shipments and transshipments of bearings from all major producing countries are known to be large. Anti-friction bearings in unknown quantities are reaching Czechoslovakia from Great Britain, Western Germany, United States, and possibly Japan through devious channels.

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